

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for displaying the status of a financial indicator using a geographic orientation, said financial indicator representing financial activity in a particular geographic region, said financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a map, said map including said geographic region; and

simultaneously displaying on said geographic region of said map a visual indicator that represents the status of said financial indicator, each of said sectors and each of said financial instruments.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the status of said financial indicator includes a percentage change in the value of said financial indicator at a point in time.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the status of said financial indicator is continuously updated.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said financial indicator is an index.

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8. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said visual indicator is a first color if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in a first direction and said visual indicator is a second color if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in a second direction.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said first direction is positive and said second direction is negative.

10. (original) The method of claim of claim 2, wherein said visual indicator is a third color if the value of said financial indicator is unchanged.

11. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said first color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said first color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said financial indicator in said first direction and said second color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said second color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said financial indicator in said second direction, wherein the step of displaying on said geographic region of said map a visual indicator includes the steps of:

displaying one of said plurality of shades of said first color associated with said percentage change of said financial indicator on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in said first direction; and

displaying one of said plurality of shades of said second color associated with said percentage change of said financial indicator on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in said second direction.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [said map is a sector map,] said [sector] map includes[ing] a second geographic region and a second financial indicator representing financial activity in said second geographic region, said [financial indicator and said] second financial indicator [each] including a plurality of sectors that each include a plurality of financial instruments that comprise [said financial indicator and] said second financial indicator, [respectively, each of said plurality of sectors having associated therewith a sector activity indicator,] the step of displaying on said geographic region including the step of:

displaying on said second geographic region a visual indicator that represents the relative status of said second financial indicator to said financial indicator, said plurality of sectors included in said financial indicator to said plurality of sectors included in said second financial indicator and said plurality of financial instruments included in said plurality of sectors included in said financial indicator to said

plurality of financial instruments included in said plurality of sectors included in said second financial instrument. [each of said plurality of sectors a visual indicator that represents the status of said associated sector activity indicator.]

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said geographic region on said [sector] map and said second geographic region on said [sector] map each have a size and said financial indicator and said second financial indicator each have a market capitalization, wherein said size of said geographic region and said size of said second geographic region is proportional to said market capitalization of said financial indicator and said second financial indicator, respectively.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
displaying economic data relating to said geographic region.

15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said visual indicator is a number.

16. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said visual indicator is a number.

17. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said visual indicator is a number.

18. (currently amended) A system for displaying the status of a financial indicator using a geographic orientation, said financial indicator representing financial activity in a particular geographic region, said financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments, the system comprising:

a data source including the status of said financial indicator;

a mapping engine, said mapping engine having a map including said geographic region, said mapping engine receiving the status of said financial indicator from said data source, said mapping engine outputting a signal for simultaneously displaying on said geographic region of said map a visual indicator that represents the status of said financial indicator, each of said sectors and each of said financial instruments.

19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein the status of said financial indicator includes a percentage change in the value of said financial indicator at a point in time.

20. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the status of said financial indicator is continuously updated.

21. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said financial indicator is an index.

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25. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein said visual indicator is a first color if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in a first direction and said visual indicator is a second color if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in a second direction.

26. (original) The system of claim 25 wherein said first direction is positive and said second direction is negative.

27. (original) The system of claim of claim 19, wherein said visual indicator is a third color if the value of said financial indicator is unchanged.

28. (original) The system of claim 25, wherein said first color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said first color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said financial indicator in said first direction and said second color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said second color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said financial indicator in said second direction, and wherein one of said plurality of shades of said first color associated with said percentage change of said financial indicator is displayed on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in said first direction and one of said plurality of shades of said second color associated with said percentage change of said

financial indicator is displayed on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in said second direction.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein [said map is a sector map,] said [sector] map includes[ing] a second geographic region and a second financial indicator representing financial activity in said second geographic region, said [financial indicator and said] second financial indicator [each] including a plurality of sectors that each include a plurality of financial instruments that comprise [said financial indicator and] said second financial indicator, [respectively, each of said plurality of sectors having associated therewith a sector activity indicator,] and wherein [on each of said plurality of sectors] there is displayed on said second geographic region a visual indicator that represents the relative status of said [associated sector activity indicator] second financial indicator to said financial indicator, said plurality of sectors included in said financial indicator to said plurality of sectors included in said second financial indicator and said plurality of financial instruments included in said plurality of sectors included in said financial indicator to said plurality of financial instruments included in said plurality of sectors included in said second financial instrument.

30. (currently amended) The system of claim 29, wherein said geographic region on said [sector] map and said second geographic region on said [sector] map each have a size and said financial indicator and said second financial indicator each have a market capitalization, wherein said size of said geographic region and said size of said second geographic region is proportional to said market capitalization of said financial indicator and said second financial indicator, respectively.

31. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein said data source includes economic information relating to said geographic region and said economic information is displayed.

32. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein said visual indicator is a number.

33. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein said visual indicator is a number.

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